(d) A new competitive environment is emerging, with the share of air taxies reaching about 20 per cent of the domestic air traffic. Indian Airlines is gearing itself to provide better service to increase its share of business.

Complaints regarding misbehaviour by Air-Hostesses

1362. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints regarding misbehaviour by Air-hostesses of Air India and Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof during 1992 as on 31st January, 1993; Sector-wise; and

(c) what action Govt. propose to take on these complaints?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

जबलपुर विमानपत्तन पर विमान पट्टी का निर्माण कार्य

1363. **श्री शिव प्रसाद चनपुरिया :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री 23 फरवरी, 1993 को राज्य सभा में तारांकित प्रश्न 15 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) जबलपुर विमानपत्तन की विमान पट्टी का निर्माण कार्य कब तक शुरु कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ख) क्या उक्त विमान पट्टी के निर्माण के लिए निविदाएं आमंत्रित कर ली गयी हैं ?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण ने धावनपथ का विस्तार करके, नये टर्मिनल भवन का निर्माण करके तथा उपयुक्त दिक्चालन साधनों की व्यवस्था करके, जेट प्रचालनों के लिये जबलपुर हवाई अड्डे के उन्नयन से संबंधी परियोजना को अनुमति दे दी है। धावनपथ के विस्तार के लिये भूमि प्राप्त कर ली गई है । राष्ट्रीय विमानपत्तन प्राधिकरण द्वारा किये गए सर्वेक्षण से पता चला है कि मिट्टी के भराव पर भारी लागत आएगी । राज्य सरकार से अनुरोध किया गया है कि वह मिट्टी भराव का कार्य जवाहर रोजगार योजना के अधीन शुरु करे ।

Acquisition of land for Trivandrum Airport

1364. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the International Airports Authority of India has taken a decision not to meet the land acquisition expenses for acquiring 245 acres of land meant for development of Trivandrum Airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The International Airports Authority of India (IAAI) have approached Government of Kerala for acquisition of 245 acres of land for development and expansion of Trivandrum Airport. The immediate requirement of land is 55 acres, out of which 45 acres has already been acquired by the Government of Kerala for IAAI. The State Government have been requested to acquire land and hand over to IAAI free of cost.

Foreign airlines

1365. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign airlines operating in the country at present; and

(b) the names of cities in the country which have been linked with their services?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) 35 foreign airlines are operating services to India at present.

(b) The cities covered are Amritsar, Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi Madras Trichy and Trivandrum.

Flights on Madras-Bangalore-Calicut Sector

1366. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleaserd to state:

(a) whethed the Indian Airlines has stopped its daily flights operating in Madras-Bangalore-Calicut Sector;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there is any proposal to restore the daily flights in this sector; and

(d) if so, by when it is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The thrice weekly service on Madras-Bangalore-Calicut sector was withdrawn by Indian Airlines due to inadequate traffic.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Issuing of Complimentary Air Tickets

1367. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for issuing complimentary Air tickets;

(b) if so, the criteria laid down for issuing such tickets and the name of the issuing authority; and

(c) the number of such tickets issued every month?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Senior officials of Air India and Indian Airlines art authorised to issue complimentary tickets as a part of market promotion strategy.

(c) On an average Indian Airlines issues 60 tickets and Air India issues 20 tickets per month. In addition, 850 passages on Air India services and 675 passsages on Indian Airlines are placed at the disposal of the Department of Tourism annually for promotion of tourism.

Counter Trade Provisions in purchase of aircrafts

1368. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Airlines have agreed to have adequate counter trade provisions in their contracts for future purchase of aircrafts;

(b) whether such provisions are being included in the IA's Airbus purchase deal as desired by the State Trading Corporation in the letter to the Civil Aviation Ministry; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The agreement for purchase of A-320 aircraft did not envisage any counter trade obligation. Therefore, there was no possibility of counter-trade throughout STC as required by them vide their letter of 3rd June, 1993.

Limited fleet of Vayudoot aircrafts

1369 SHRI J P JAVALI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Vayudoot in its fleet has very limited number of aircrafts and are very old;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whtther Gnvernment propose to replace the old aircrafts and if so, the details thereof; and